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Our Case No.: 11758/189

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Muderlak

Serial No.: 10/032,442

Filing Date: December 21, 2001

For: Automatic Flush Valve Actuation
Apparatus

Examiner: Eric Keasel

Group Art Unit No.: 3754

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
11-512908	November 2, 1999	Muderlak et al.
84110989	July 1, 1997	Muderlak et al.
84110990	December 11, 1996	Muderlak et al.
3-58368	June 6, 1991	Minamisawa
3-12973	February 8, 1991	Kaneda
55-21385	February 12, 1980	Ikenaga et al.
38-24065	November 12, 1963	Sugimoto

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

A fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith. Should the enclosed check be insufficient, omitted or should any additional fees be deemed necessary under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Art Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98

Applicant's previous Information Disclosure Statement listed three non-English language publications that did not include translations or a concise explanation of the relevance of the publications. Applicant currently resubmits these documents with the following explanation of relevance. Taiwanese publication number 84110989 and Japanese publication number 11-512809 (cited in the original IDS as 9-514224) are corresponding applications to PCT/US/13199, which was cited in the prior Information Disclosure Statement. The abstract for the PCT/US/13199 application states:

An automatic flush handle actuation apparatus includes an enclosure containing a drive mechanism and a self-contained power source for the drive mechanism. The apparatus also includes means for sensing use of the sanitary facility and means for interconnecting the drive mechanism and power source when the means for sensing detects a use of the sanitary facility. An adapter having first and second ends is included rigidly engaging the enclosure. A plunger pin slidably extends through the adapter engaging the drive mechanism within the enclosure at a first end. A threaded nut is provided around the adapter between the enclosure and a hub at an end of the adapter. The threaded nut, end of the adapter and an end of the plunger pin are constructed to work with the flush mechanism in a manner substantially identical to a manually activated flush handle.

Taiwanese Publication No. 84110990 discloses a similar device. However, the device disclosed in Taiwanese Publication No. 84110990 functions by actuating the handle. As a result, the handle does not need to be removed prior to attaching the flushing device.

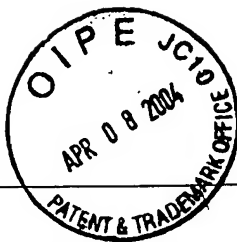
Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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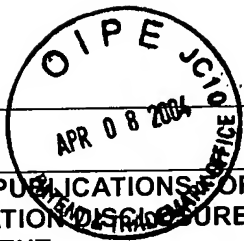
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	B14	11-512908	11/2/1999	Japan	No
	B15	84110989	7/1/1997	Taiwan	No
	B16	84110990	12/11/ 1996	Taiwan	No
	B17	3-58368	6/ 6/1991	Japan	Yes
	B18	3-12973	2/8/1991	Japan	Yes
	B19	55-21385	2/12/1980	Japan	Yes
	B20	38-24065	11/12/1963	Japan	Yes

OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
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